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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. In late August 1955, 874 workers including 200 convicts were employed at Allstedt airfield.

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2. On 30 August, the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg held a work conference on the construction site from which the following details were learned:

During the morning of 30 August, test concreting began. At 0600 on 31 August, the second test concreting procedure began. A total of 1,100 square meters were to be covered with concrete. It was determined, how much time would be required to transport the concrete from the construction material yard to the construction site. Subsequently, the individual gangs immediately started work. Every day, a total of 250 cubic meters of concrete were filled. When, on 31 August, about 1,000 square meters were completed, it was proved that 600 cubic meters of concrete could be filled later in 2 shifts. At first, work was done on one shift and, after 14 days, 2 shifts began. After 31 August, the workers received their lunch at the individual sites where they were employed. On 31 August, 25 convicts were assigned to concreting work.

3. It was learned on 7 September, that test concreting had been started during the last week of August. The test work was done in order to establish a norm for the work speed etc. The construction staff at the site requested additional gangs for the concreting work from the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg since several shifts were planned to be employed. It was intended to complete concreting work before the beginning of the frost period.

Comment. This is the first report on the beginning of concreting work at Allstedt airfield. The second test concreting procedure indicates that concreting work could possibly be completed within 4 months. The fulfillment of this plan depends on several difficulties, including the beginning of the frost period. It appears doubtful if the runway with the scheduled length of 2,000 meters and width of 60 meters will be completed during 1955.

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